

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 337

By Green

A RESOLUTION to commend Jerrica M. Proferes for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jerrica M. Proferes is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Green; Ms. Proferes's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University (APSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Proferes has achieved academic success while majoring in communication and political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the APSU Pre-Law Society, Bridge Program of International Education, and Model United Nations, which she served as secretary; through her work with Vet Success on Campus, she served as a peer mentor, academic tutor, and administrative assistant; and

WHEREAS, Jerrica Proferes reported on the 2016 presidential election as a political blogger and perspectives journalist for the *All-State* student newspaper; she has made presentations at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, the APSU John S. Ziegler Student Leadership Conference, and APSU International Night; and

WHEREAS, prior to her enrollment at APSU, Ms. Proferes served in the United States Army as a military police officer and human resource specialist for the 23rd Military Police Company in Fort Drum, New York; during this time, she served for nine months as a corrections officer in Iraq. She then served her country for eighteen months as a human resource specialist and operations manager for the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea; and

WHEREAS, upon her return to the United States, she worked as a small group leader and operations manager for the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, where she earned her Associate of Arts degree in Persian Farsi Language before she enrolled at APSU; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Proferes brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2017 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2017 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Jerrica Proferes has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jerrica M. Proferes for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Green and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.